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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/539,294	FAURHOLDT ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	CHI Q. NGUYEN	3635

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 03 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on amendment filed on 3/30/2009.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-12 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 6 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This Office action is in response to applicant's amendment filed on 3/30/2009.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-12 are pending.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the longitudinally extending cord member must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner,

the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5 and 7-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Pat. No. 6,401,402 to Williams.

Claim 1:

Williams discloses in Figs. 1-6, a sheet flashing member (25L or 25R) comprising: a sheet section defining a plane and including a main portion (25H) as well as first and second corner segments (wherein 29 and 30 point to on each of the corner), the main portion extending along a portion of a roof penetrating structure and the corner segments extending along other portions of the roof penetrating structure perpendicularly to the main portion, and at least one flange (25U) arranged at an angle relative to the plane of the sheet section and adapted to engage a surface of a roof penetrating building structure, comprises in that at least one of said corner segments at a surface thereof comprises at least one indication (29, 30) indicating a pattern, such that at least a part of the sheet section separable from the remaining part of the flashing member along the indications in order to transform the respective corner segment from an initial state to a transformed state.

Claim 2:

Wherein each said indication (29, 30) comprises a visual indication in the shape of at least one longitudinally extending line or a longitudinally extending row of dots.

Claim 3:

Wherein each said indication (29, 30) comprises a weakening section.

Claim 4:

Wherein said weakening sections includes at least one groove 31.

Claim 5:

Wherein said groove is formed by depression.

Claim 7:

Wherein the pattern defines one or more indications delimiting an area (25J) of an end portion which, when separation has taken place, is able to be removed.

Claim 8:

Wherein the sheet section has a general longitudinal orientation, the pattern defining at least one indication (30) arranged at an oblique angle relative to the general longitudinal orientation, the oblique indication being directly or indirectly connected to a free edge of the sheet section.

Claim 9:

Wherein the sheet section includes a main portion and first and second end portions define first and second corner segments, the main portion comprising an upstanding flange (25U) and the first and second corner segments comprising first and second flanges (25J of each corner) arranged substantially perpendicularly to the upstanding

flange, the flanges being adapted to engage a longitudinal surface portion of a roof penetrating building structure as well as its associated corner portions (Fig. 6).

Claim 10:

Further comprising a skirt element (25D) which is adapted to engage an upper roof surface.

Claims 11-12:

Wherein the first corner segment comprises an indication (29) arranged across the width thereof and generally perpendicularly to the general longitudinal orientation, and wherein the second corner segment comprises first and second indications (28, 29) defining a portion, and a third indication (30) arranged at an oblique angle relative to the general longitudinal orientation and connected to said portion.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 6 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

Applicant argues that the prior art does not disclose a part of the sheet section is separate from the remaining part and also providing a definition of a verb "separate". The applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not persuasive because: the cited limitation "at least of the sheet section is **separable** from the remaining part..." thus "separable" is capable of being separated (defined by

dictionary.com). Therefore the prior art's sheet section as set forth in the claims is capable of being separated as well.

In regarding applicant argues that the prior art does not show or suggest a weakening section. The examiner does not agree that the crease line that folded along in the prior art is not a weakening section

In regarding applicant argues that the prior art does not disclose the weakening sections comprise a longitudinally extending cord member accommodated in the corner segment. The argument is persuasive and would be allowed.

In regarding applicant argues that the prior art does not disclose the pattern defines one or more indications delimiting an area of an end portion which when separation has taken place is able to be removed have been fully considered but they are not persuasive because as set forth above, the folded section of an end portion of the prior art is capable of being removed when the separation is taken place.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Chi Q. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-6847. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30 am-4:00 pm.

If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Chilcot can be reached at (571) 272-6777.

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